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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL IMMIGRATION CHARGES

BANGOR, MAINE- United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that Julian Javier Torres-Gallegos, 37, of Harrington, Maine and Mexico, was sentenced on Oct. 4, 2005 to 46 days in prison. On Sept. 27, 2005, Torres-Gallegos waived indictment and pled guilty to a one-count information charging Possession of Fraudulently Obtained Immigration Document.

Court records reveal that on Aug. 20, 2005, Torres-Gallegos was turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") officers by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, after having been bailed out following his arrest for an Operating Under the Influence charge. Torres-Gallegos admitted to ICE officers that he had illegally entered the United States near Hidalgo, Texas.

Further ICE investigation revealed no records indicating that Torres-Gallegos was a lawful Permanent Resident of the United States. Torres-Gallegos also admitted that the Permanent Resident Card he possessed was fraudulent and had been given to him by an acquaintance.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by ICE, and the assistance of the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Social Security Administration.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.